

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE BIRTHDAY OF MR.
ROBERT B. INGRAM, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bob Ingram for his service to the state of Alabama as one of the most influential and respected political writers.

At a celebration of his 80th birthday earlier this summer, State Treasurer Kay Ivey described Bob as an "Alabama Treasure." Throughout his career, he has used his skills as a journalist to make an important contribution toward building a better Alabama.

Born in Centre, Alabama, in 1926, Bob graduated from Cherokee County High School and served with distinction in World War II as a radio operator and gunner aboard the USS *Panamint*. He graduated from Auburn University in 1949 and soon began working for the Cherokee County Herald.

Bob has seen and reported on many of the most pivotal events in Alabama's history including the civil rights movement and the career of former Governor George C. Wallace. While noted for his legendary objectivity, Bob has never been afraid to speak his mind. Be it with praise or criticism, Mr. Ingram has served as a watchdog for the people of Alabama his entire career.

Bob Ingram has been a reporter, a magazine publisher, an author, a television commentator, and a speaker for the better part of a century. In 1968, he also served the people of Alabama as the finance director to Governor Albert Brewer.

Mr. Ingram's life is filled with achievement, and today I rise to honor yet another of these achievements—the 80th birthday of one of our state's most revered journalists and esteemed citizens. May he continue to inform and inspire the people of Alabama, and may his role in our State's history not soon be forgotten.

WWII ACE REMEMBERED

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a great American warrior, Col. Herschel H. "Herky" Green. Herky Green was a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II and is recognized as one of the sharpest shooters of the war. He passed away August 16, 2006 from cancer at the age of 86.

In his time as a fighter pilot, Herky Green amassed 402 combat flying hours over the course of 100 combat missions. He is credited with destroying 10 enemy aircraft on the ground and 18 aerial victories, earning him the designation of Ace. As the leading Ace of the 15th Air Force, Herky Green dominated the

skies over Europe and Africa from 1943 to 1944. During one mission against a group of German bombers, Green single-handedly destroyed six aircraft.

Green continued to serve in the newly established U.S. Air Force until 1964. Among his numerous decorations, he earned the Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

HONORING BILL STONE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bill Stone as the recipient of the 2006 Kings County Agriculturalist of the Year Award. With over 35 years of dedicated service to the Central Valley's agriculture industry and with demonstrated quality leadership, Mr. Stone is truly deserving of this recognition.

A native of Stratford, Mr. Stone moved to Lemoore when he was 9 years old. He graduated from Lemoore High School in 1964 and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1968. His earliest memories of farm life center on days spent playing out on the ranch with the kids who lived in the farm labor camp as well as working around the shop with his father and brother.

Today, Mr. Stone owns and operates Stone Land Company, nestled in the heart of the Central Valley. He credits his employees, some of who have worked for the company for over 40 years, in helping harvest cotton, garlic, onions, tomatoes, garbanzo beans, cantaloupe, wheat, barley, alfalfa and lettuce grown for seed across the 9,000 acre farm. Because Mr. Stone is committed to enhancing the quality of agriculture in the valley, he makes the extra effort to incorporate new technology on his farm. He has been actively involved in operating laser leveling, GPS guidance systems and yield monitoring equipment. He has also taken advantage of computers for book-keeping and in tracking production. Further, Mr. Stone has worked closely with University Ag Extension programs in testing new products and equipment.

Aside from his commitments out on the farm, Mr. Stone is an outstanding member of the agricultural community. He currently serves as the Secretary of the San Joaquin Valley Quality Cotton Growers Association, Chairman of the San Joaquin Valley Cotton Board, Director of the Ranchers Cotton Oil Company, Director of the California Cotton Growers Association and a Member of the CIIA Cotton Committee. In addition, Mr. Stone is a board member of Mary Immaculate Queen School, Director of the Beltwide Cotton Co-Op and Chairman of the California Garlic and Onion Research Advisory Board. In the past, Mr. Stone served as the Director of Calcot, Ltd. and the Chairman of Kingsburg Cotton Oil Company.

The Stone family has been an important part of California agriculture for over a century. It is for those reasons, that I extend my sincerest appreciation for Mr. Stone's dedication and service and offer my heartfelt congratulations for receiving the 2006 Kings County Agriculturalist of the Year Award.

CONGRATULATING SCOTT TEW ON
HIS APPOINTMENT AT AMERICAN
STANDARD COMPANIES
AND HIS SERVICE TO WASHINGTON
COUNTY, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Scott Tew on his hard work and service to the people of Washington County, Alabama, and to congratulate him on his recent appointment as global director of public affairs at American Standard Companies.

After receiving a bachelor of science degree and a master of arts degree at Livingston University in Livingston, Alabama, Scott joined the Ciba-Geigy Corporation in Mobile. He has devoted over 15 years to the Ciba-Geigy Corporation and to Washington County where his dedication and hard work helped the company and the community prosper. At Ciba, Scott served as the head of North American public affairs, the director of community and state relations, the global corporate communications manager, and the manager of public affairs and communications.

In the midst of his demanding professional schedule, Scott also dedicated his time to the community, including: the Gulf Coast Science Exploreum, the American Chemistry Council, Manufacture Alabama, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Business Council of Alabama, the Washington County Business Alliance, and the Alabama Environmental Initiatives Commission.

Mr. Speaker, all of us in south Alabama are sad to see Scott leave our community. I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating him on this achievement and new chapter in his life. I know Scott's colleagues, his wife Cindy, his daughters Dylan and Katherine, his family, and many friends join with me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District and the State of Alabama.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. CELESTER ALSTON CLARK

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Mrs.

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Celester Alston Clark who is being honored on Saturday, September 16, 2006 by the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Clark is being honored for her dedicated and loyal service as well as her enthusiasm and creativity. All of these qualities have indeed served to provide a tremendous benefit to the Garden Club. Over the years Mrs. Clark has exhibited an impressive level of leadership to the Garden Club; in that regard, she sponsors a workshop each year when the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs hosts its Annual Convention. Further, she serves as the State Youth Director.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Clark is indeed leading the charge for her Garden Club where one of its objectives is to put more strength behind local clubs so that the work of beautifying homes, churches, schools and communities can be achieved more effectively. Mrs. Clark is very instrumental in helping her Garden Club promote a full conservation program within local clubs, placing special interest on wildflowers, native trees, soil, and water. There are about 40 adult and youth clubs that belong to the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs which was organized as far back as 1935.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Clark has been a member of the Daisy Garden Club since 1979 and in 1995 she organized the Calla Lily Adult Garden Club. Under her guidance, the Calla Lily Adult Garden Club has projects at the Pinkerton's Street School, Satterwhite Point Lake Camp Site in Henderson, North Carolina and Haywood Missionary Baptist Church in Louisburg, North Carolina. In addition, Mrs. Clark oversees the Calla Lilly Youth Gardeners referred to as Calla Lilettas.

She was born in Franklin County, North Carolina to Benjamin and Mable Alston, and has one brother and five sisters. She attended the Rockford Grade School and graduated from Franklin County Training School. She received her Bachelor of Art degree from A&T College in Greensboro, North Carolina. She married the love of her life, Mr. James Clark of Greensboro, North Carolina. After relocating to Washington, D.C., Mrs. Clark secured employment as a budget analyst with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; with the U.S. Department of Defense in the area of Financial Management; and finally with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. Upon her retirement, she became a teacher in the Vance County Public School system.

While residing in Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Clark were members of the Upper Room Baptist Church. Mrs. Clark served as the Youth Director, Member of the Hospitality Committee, and was a member of the choir. She also served as President of the Fort Dupont Civic Association.

Upon returning to Henderson, North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Clark reunited with their family home church, Haywood Missionary Baptist Church in Louisburg where she serves as President of the Deaconess; Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee; member of the Mass Choir and member of the Missionary Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my Colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to one of my most deserving constituents, Mrs. Celester Alston Clark on this great occasion.

HONORING THE EVANGELHO SEED & FARM STORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Evangelho Seed & Farm Store as the recipient of the 2006 Kings County Ag Support Business of the Year Award. For the past 25 years, Evangelho Feed & Farm Store has supplied essential farming products and services to the people of the Central Valley.

Rodney and Linda Evangelho opened the farm store on September 1, 1981. They started the business with the help and commitment of family members and three additional employees. The store provided seed to farmers and dairymen, as well as a small amount of cat and dog food to the folks of Kings County. Since then, the Evangelhos have seen their business flourish and they have opened a new pet and farm supply store. Today, they have a total of 13 employees and offer products for all types of animals to clothing and jewelry. In addition, the Evangelho Seed & Farm Store has become the Valley's one-stop shop for members of the 4-H and FFA and they have expanded their areas of service into Kings, Fresno, Tulare and Madera Counties.

The Evangelhos attribute their success to their customers, but it is their knowledge of the Valley's agricultural needs that keeps the business growing. Besides offering seminars for 4-H and FFA members, they are active with the Kings County Farm Bureau and the Dairy Herds Improvement Association. They have also been involved with the Education & Agriculture Foundation (EAT), which brings teachers from urban areas from Los Angeles County to the Bay Area to provide agricultural education for them to take back and share with their students. In addition to their commitments to the agricultural community, the Evangelho family is active in the Hanford Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Church, Our Lady of Fatima in Laton and the Kings Guild.

Through years of hard work and dedication the Evangelho's investment in their business make them worthy of this recognition. They have managed to stand alone as a family-run and operated business among competitors and have served their local community in immense measures. It is for those reasons that I take great pride and honor in joining the Kings County community in commending the success of the Evangelho Seed & Farm Store and in wishing Rodney and Linda Evangelho continued success and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING MISS ALICE LEE ON THE OCCASION OF HER 95TH BIRTHDAY AND THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ALABAMA'S OLDEST PRACTICING FEMALE ATTORNEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with both pride and pleasure that I rise this week to

honor one of the most beloved residents of Monroeville, Alabama, Miss Alice Lee, on the occasion of her 95th birthday and her distinction of being Alabama's oldest practicing female attorney.

After graduating from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, "Miss Alice" returned to her hometown of Monroeville in the midst of the Great Depression. For 18 years, she served as the associate editor and partner of The Monroe Journal, a weekly newspaper in Monroeville. She did a little bit of everything at the paper including writing stories, proofing copy and assisting with the printing.

In 1937, "Miss Alice" went to work for the Internal Revenue Service in Birmingham and at night attended law school. After graduating from the Birmingham School of Law and being admitted to the bar in 1943, she returned to Monroeville to practice law with her father at his firm Barnett, Bugg & Lee, where she continues to practice today.

One of "Miss Alice's" passions has been her work for the Methodist church. She was the first woman to head the administrative board of her hometown church, and she was the first woman to chair the Alabama-West Florida Council on Ministries of the Methodist Church.

For 32 years, "Miss Alice" served on the city's planning commission. When she stepped down in 1998, she was presented with a proclamation from the Monroeville City Council.

Mr. Speaker, "Miss Alice" has devoted her life to the service of Monroe County's residents, and along the way, she has been an inspiration to countless young women—and men—for all that she has accomplished. Therefore, it is only appropriate that I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating "Miss Alice" on reaching this milestone. I know her colleagues, her sisters—Louise Lee Conner and Nelle Harper Lee—her family and her many friends join with me in praising her significant accomplishments and extending thanks for her many efforts over the years on behalf of the people of Alabama. May there be many more birthday celebrations to come. God bless you, "Miss Alice."

LONE STAR VOICE—MAGGI CARTER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, it has been one year since Hurricane Katrina flooded Texas with evacuees. It's almost a year since welcoming Texans weathered their own storm, Hurricane Rita.

But today there are still shells of smashed buildings left standing. There are still homes where roofs were peeled back by wind and rain. Today only a blue tarp remains over the heads of countless families.

But these victims, these Lone Star Voices, are crying out for help.

Maggi Carter of Beaumont writes, "Hurricanes Katrina and Rita handed the State of Texas an unprecedented housing challenge. To date, there are grossly inadequate resources for the 75,000 victims of Hurricane Rita. We support a 5-step plan to provide housing to the more than 100,000 families living in Texas who are victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita."